

Rifai could head Jordan-PLO joint delegation to Geneva

By ANAN SAFADI
Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Amman and Damascus have been conducting negotiations with Amman and the Palestine Liberation Organization on the possibility of sending a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to a reconvened East peace conference in Geneva. It was learned yesterday that the Jordanian prime minister, al-Montem Rifai, who is now a political adviser to King Husain, is mooted to head such a delegation. The 60-year-old Jordanian diplomat is widely respected as a peace-loving and experienced diplomat. Rifai is now studying a "force of cooperation" with Jordan as a prelude to the Geneva conference, which the Arabs hope to convene early next spring.

He plans to incorporate Palestinian representatives in a joint delegation with Jordan. It is to be submitted for approval at the forthcoming meeting of the Palestine National Council (parliament) in Amman. The idea is reportedly backed by three main reasons: to restore Jordan's standing with regard to the West Bank; to forestall controversy over the PLO's participation in Geneva as an independent party; and to relieve the PLO of the burden of accepting Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, both of which govern Geneva terms.

The proposed formation of the Jordanian-Palestinian representation is reported to have split the PLO leadership into three factions. The first favours the project, the second is opposed to it, and the third is in the middle. The PLO's official stance is that it is not ready to accept the Geneva terms, but it is not ready to reject them either. The PLO's official stance is that it is not ready to accept the Geneva terms, but it is not ready to reject them either.

one whose representatives have met with Israel's political pacifists about the prospects of direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. (This despite official and persistent PLO denials of such feelers.)

The third faction, most militant of all, opposes any form of PLO involvement in any kind of political deliberations with Israel. This faction is best represented by the PLO official representative in Khartoum, Abu al-Khair, who yesterday said that the Palestinians should continue their armed struggle until they wipe out Israel.

In an interview with the Sudanese news agency, al-Khair said that, even if Israel withdrew to the pre-1967-war frontiers, "establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip should constitute a material counterweight to the Zionist entity and could serve as a concrete base for continuing the Palestinian struggle for the creation of a Palestinian state in the whole of Palestine."

Al-Khair is known for his close association with the head of the PLO's political department, Farouk Kaddoumi — who, according to yesterday's Kuwaiti newspaper "Al-Qabas," is due to be dismissed in an imminent PLO reshuffle. The Kuwaiti paper said that Kaddoumi may be replaced by Khaled al-Hasan — a man favoured by Saudi Arabia, which has been pressing for a PLO reshuffle in its efforts to bolster the diplomatic drive being orchestrated by Egypt and Syria.

A PLO reshuffle would be aimed mainly at pacifying the movement's radical circles, which are rejecting the current Egyptian-Syrian notion for exploring an overall political settlement to the Israel-Arab conflict in the course of this year.

Kuwait's Minister of State, Abdul Aziz Hussein yesterday said that Arab foreign and defence ministers may meet in Saudi Arabia shortly to discuss the means of stepping up support for Arab front-line states. (Leader — back page)

Paris PLO office denies signing pact with Peled

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Palestine Liberation Organization denied here yesterday it has signed a joint document with Israeli pacifists recognizing the existence of the State of Israel.

A statement from the PLO's Paris office said it would never countenance the "Zionist entity."

This statement counters the claim made in Tel Aviv on Sunday by Matti Peled, chairman of the Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, that he signed a document on these lines in Paris over the weekend. (A brief denial by the PLO was published in yesterday's Post.)

The PLO statement said: "We can confirm that no Palestinian leader

acting on instructions from the PLO signed such a document. The PLO will not authorize any of its members to act in a way contrary to the aims of our people's struggle and the resolutions of the Palestinian National Council."

Former French Premier Pierre Mendes-France said yesterday: "I have nothing to say about the reports of this meeting. This is not the time to do so."

Mendes-France has been reported to have played the role of go-between in a series of meetings between Israeli pacifists and PLO representatives since he visited Israel last summer. (Also — page 3)



AVRAHAM OFER (Uzi Keren)

Rumours of scandal mushroomed this week

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE POSSIBLE involvement of Avraham Ofer in a financial scandal was transformed from a quietly pursued police investigation into the makings of a full-fledged public affair only in the last week. Last Wednesday MK Samuel Tamir (Free Centre) submitted a parliamentary question to Police Minister Shimon Harel asking confirmation or denial of the reports of a police investigation of accusations against Ofer.

MK Ehud Olmert (Likud) submitted a motion with similar intent. The accusations concerned the purchase of 150 dunams of land from Arabs in the Neve Ya'acov area, northern Jerusalem, by the Histradrut's housing corporation, Shikun Ovdim, in 1970. At that time Ofer headed the company.

The original allegations against Ofer and Shikun Ovdim were made by Yigal Laviv, an investigative reporter for the "Haolam Hazeh" weekly. Recently, a lawyer who had

worked with Shikun Ovdim on that sale, Haim Goshen, who is slated to appear as a prosecution witness in the Asher Yadin bribery trial, was reported to have told police that the official payment recorded for the Neve Ya'acov land deal was fictitious. The price was reported to have been recorded at IL6m, but the sellers claimed they had only received IL3.5m.

Ofer, Goshen and Shikun Ovdim's treasurer were said to have been signatories to the deal. Reports have also appeared that Yadin, at that time head of the Histradrut's holding company, Ezerat Ha'ovdim, had also been privy to the deal.

Police earlier yesterday refused to confirm or deny that they were investigating Ofer in connection with these charges. The national police spokesman said that "police were looking into numerous allegations" regarding the minister, and added (Continued on page 3, col. 3)

Sought early end to probe

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Intimates of Avraham Ofer said yesterday he had been depressed during the last few days. He had however hoped, as late as Saturday, that the policy inquiry into allegations of malfeasance while head of Shikun Ovdim would be ended quickly.

After Sunday's Cabinet meeting, he met with Prime Minister Rabin and pressed him for an early end to the inquiry because of the mounting rumours about it. These rumours reached a climax after reports that Rabin had met on Saturday with the Ministers of Justice and Police and the Attorney-General to discuss the course of the inquiry.

The sources said that Ofer emerged from the meeting with the Prime Minister discouraged by the realization that the inquiry would drag on longer than for just a few days and no clear conclusion was

quickly in the offing. These sources believed yesterday that it was the prospect of facing an indefinite period of uncertainty with rumours and mounting public suspicion against him, that drove the Housing Minister to take his life.

Other sources noted that Ofer was deeply hurt by the attitude of some of his Labour Party colleagues. He was by-passed in the choice for the party's campaign manager for the elections, and was affected as well by demands from some party quarters that he be dropped from the Labour Party Cabinet team in the election.

During the period before the arraignment of Asher Yadin, Ofer had repeatedly sprung to his defence. He spoke out against the public lynching to which he said Yadin was subject, asserting that Yadin should be deemed innocent until proven guilty.

Elections set for May 17, but change still possible

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Law Committee yesterday agreed on May 17 as the tentative date for the Knesset elections, but left the door open for switching the date after the first reading of the draft bill on the dissolution of the Knesset.

The May 17 date was a compromise between the Likud proposal for May 3 elections and the Alignment's proposal of May 31. The first reading of the bill has not yet been put on the Knesset calendar. Alternative suggestions of a May 12 date by Moked's Meir Pa'il and two Rakah members were rejected, as was an open proposal calling for elections 105 days after the adoption of the bill by the Knesset.

There are many objections to the tentative May 17 date. Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem is reported to have objected to holding elections on the morrow of the 10th anniversary of the Hebrew date of the reunification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War. He is said to have felt that this proximity would eclipse the festivities planned for Jerusalem Day.

On the other hand, the religious parties are uncomfortable at holding the elections so soon before Shavuot, with the possibility of having to process and transport ballot

boxes from army outposts on the holiday. The compromise bill will thus be tabled for a first reading; but the various Knesset factions will continue considering an alternative date, which can still be set between the first and second readings of the framework bill.

The committee also approved an amendment to the Knesset Elections Law increasing the deposit required from each party contending in the elections from IL15,000 to IL40,000.

A meeting at which President Katsir was to have charged Prime Minister Rabin with the task of attempting to form a new government was abruptly postponed last night, presumably because of Housing Minister Ofer's death.

It was understood that Rabin was to have gone through the motions of trying to form a new government. These attempts would have gone on concurrently with the Knesset's processing of the dissolution bill calling for May elections. As soon as that bill is passed, all attempts to form an alternative government will stop, and the current transitional government will continue in office until the formation of a new one following the elections.

17 reported dead in Beirut blast

BEIRUT. — A large bomb exploded outside the East Beirut headquarters of the Phalangist Party yesterday, leaving 17 persons dead in the most serious terrorist incident since Arab peace-keeping forces entered the city in mid-November, Phalangist sources said.

Initial reports said more than 50 persons had been wounded in the blast.

The explosion occurred near the barracks of the Phalangist security forces on Alkawi Street in the Ashrafia section of East Beirut.

"There were bits of bodies all over the street. It was horrible," said Mrs. Sophia Antreasian, a housewife whose apartment looks over the explosion site.

The Phalangist spokesman said the explosion was a 155-mm. artillery shell. However witnesses said it appeared the blast came from charges planted in a car parked near the barracks entrance.

The Syrian peace-keeping forces in Lebanon yesterday ended their occupation of a number of newspapers as tough new censorship regulations came into effect.

The peace-keepers last month closed six daily newspapers and a weekly magazine.

The troops withdrew from newspapers including the French-language "L'Orient-Le Jour" and the independent "An-Nahar." It was not clear whether these papers would resume publication. (UPI, Reuters)

OFER KILLS HIMSELF

Depressed by rumours

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer shot himself to death yesterday. He was 55.

He left a note saying he lacked the strength to withstand allegations being spread that he had embezzled public funds before he became a minister.

Police were searching for him in the afternoon but he was discovered by a passerby who spied a body in a white Volvo sedan on the Tel Baruch beach north of Tel Aviv shortly before six o'clock. The passerby summoned police who later identified the Housing Minister.

They found a .22 calibre revolver and the suicide note by the body. Ofer was alleged to have been involved in irregularities dating from the time when he headed Shikun Ovdim, the Histradrut housing corporation.

During the past few weeks a team of police investigators, headed by Nilsav-Mishne Reuven Minkowsky, head of the police investigations branch, had been examining complaints submitted by a Haolam Hazeh reporter, Yigal Laviv.

The minister was at his home in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerem Quarter yesterday morning. He spoke to two or three reporters who had been in steady contact with him, and then his driver took him to his home in Afeka, a suburb north of Tel Aviv. According to one report he told his driver that he would be contacting him.

Then Ofer left his home without explanation. He drove himself.

An aide who spoke to him over the phone yesterday morning said: "Such an act wasn't expected. He was in a bad mood because the investigation was taking 'another few days' and 'another few days'."

The first signs that something was amiss were discerned in his bureau in Jerusalem in the morning. The new Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Ingo Müssi, arrived for a courtesy call and was told the minister had not arrived and no one knew his whereabouts.

Police declined to disclose details of what had happened. They referred reports to the Prime Minister's Office. There they were told there was no comment apart from the official communiqué. This announced the minister's death in Tel Aviv, and expressed condolences to the family. The statement added that funeral arrangements would be announced later.

Whether there will be a State funeral will depend on the bereaved family. Government officials last night were examining the question.

The family's wishes were also to decide whether there would be a special Cabinet session today, and this too was being checked last night.

Prime Minister Rabin was informed of the suicide at about six o'clock. He was briefed in his Jerusalem office by Police Minister Shimon Harel, and Police Inspector-General Haim Tabari.

Aaron Sittner writes from the Knesset:

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Ofer's letter: 'My blood was spilled'

Here is a translation of the letter found by the police next to Ofer's body:

"For weeks and months I have been tortured, my blood has been spilled, I have been labelled and persecuted. This time not even my sons and my family were spared. I have no doubt that the truth will emerge that I have not embezzled and I have not stolen and everything is slander and false accusations, but I do not have the strength to bear any more."

"I also see no point in carrying on. Even when I have been proven right, everything within me is in shreds."

"One thing puzzles me: Throughout my life, I only helped as much as I could and I wronged no one. Why did they persecute me all the time? I have done something with my life, I have worked, I have created. My life was not totally useless."

"I am grateful to all those who stood by me and brought me happiness and contentment. I ask forgiveness from all my friends and my loved ones, for leaving them like this. And to my beloved wife, my sons, my daughters-in-law and to all my family: I loved you all and will love you until the last moment. Please accept this act with understanding."

Jerusalem Post: "This should serve as a general alarm signal to us all — the Government side and the Opposition. It proves what the chase after publicity and self-aggrandizement can lead to. Ironically, some of the people who led the attack on Ofer had in years past gone to him for personal favours, such as obtaining housing for themselves or members of their families."

Linn said he had spoken with Ofer last Tuesday and asked him, "Avraham, what is the truth?" To this, Ofer replied "It is all one big lie."

Linn told The Post: "I still believe it's a big lie. Ofer told me he expected to be cleared of all suspicion tomorrow (Tuesday) when parliamentary questions connected with reported police interest in some of his past activities were to be answered."

The replies were to have been given by Police Minister Shimon Harel or, possibly, by Prime Minister Rabin.

Also in the Knesset restaurant late yesterday evening was Yitzhak Golan (ILP). He called Ofer's death "a tragedy not only for his family but for the nation too. The news media and politicians generally should reconsider their roles, and stop lynchings. It is definitely against the spirit of democracy to air all kinds of allegations against a person before he is indicted or brought to trial," Golan said. (Obituary — Page 2)

'You journalists killed him'

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "You journalists killed him," one of Avraham Ofer's sons shouted as a reporter entered the family home last night. Other journalists were shoofed away before they could reach the front door.

The single-storey house in the fashionable Afeka suburb of Tel Aviv was the target of a stream of visitors last night.

Ofer's wife and his three sons were gathered inside the house as their neighbours, relatives and friends came to express their condolences.

The family only heard about the Housing Minister's suicide note from the 9 p.m. television news. One visitor said that the family was startled by this revelation and angry with the police, who took the letter away with Ofer's body

but did not inform the family of its existence.

Among the first of Ofer's political friends to visit the family was Dov Tamir, head of the Information Department of the Labour Party.

The first of Ofer's Cabinet colleagues to arrive, at 9.30, was Defence Minister Shimon Peres. He was followed by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, one of Ofer's closest political allies.

By 9.45, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon had joined those expressing their condolences.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, accompanied by his wife Lea, arrived at the Ofer house at 10 p.m.



piled up yesterday outside the sterilization plant of Sheba Medical Centre, Tel Hashomer. There, other government hospitals, the non-medical staff walked out on Sunday. The strike is to continue (Lester Millman)

Danger of infection seen as hospital walkout continues

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — As doctors warned of possible spread of infection among patients if the strike by administrative and maintenance staff in 26 government hospitals not immediately called off, yesterday they decided to call their walkout by at least a vote of 33 to 15 the strike committee approved a compromise whereby they would away from their jobs for a consecutive day, although they called only for a 48-hour strike. The strike may end today, if normal work is not immediately

scheduled between the Minister of Health and the employees' representatives. Should the employees emerge unsatisfied, however, they will prolong their walkout.

Moderates among them proposed yesterday that the strike be called off as a gesture of good will before the talks, but the hard-liners urged an indefinite extension until their pay demands are fully met.

As the strike entered its second day yesterday the situation at the day hospitals continued to deteriorate. Doctors in a number of hospitals serving the Greater Tel Aviv area told The Post that if normal work is not immediately

restored, "there will be no avoiding harm to the patients. The wards are not filled with healthy people; and if people already in a weakened state of health are exposed to unsanitary conditions, there is no telling where it might end. They are very susceptible to infection, and the grossly unsanitary situation is surely conducive to infection."

One danger most doctors pointed to were the hospital dishes. While the strikers had made one exception — allowing kitchen staff to continue preparing meals — there is no one to wash the dishes.

In most wards the nurses volunteered to do the most urgent kitchen clean-ups, in addition to their regular duties. But being overburdened — as they already are — they could not always do a thorough job, could not do it frequently enough, and could not supervise general cleanliness.

Another source of danger are the lavatories and bathrooms, where conditions were described as appalling both by patients and by the medical staff. The shortage of clean bed linen was even more marked yesterday than on the first day of the strike, and bed-ridden and post-surgery patients continued to lie on soiled sheets which normally must be changed every few hours.

Only the most urgent surgery was performed for the second running day in most hospitals, and the processing of patients in emergency wards continued to be slow in view of the absence of the clerical staff. Even X-rays and various other tests had to be postponed if not urgent, because there were no employees to wheel stretchers.

Hospital switchboards were also out of operation, and telephone inquiries about patients' conditions could not be made.

The only improvement over the situation on Sunday was the fact that many of the nurses had made other arrangements to reach their hospitals, after the absence of the hospital bus drivers caused many nurses to reach work late on the first day of the walkout.

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Location	High	Low	Wind
Jerusalem	87	7-9	10
Golan	74	6-10	10
Nahariya	73	6-10	10
Safed	68	5-8	9
Tiberias	61	11-16	17
Haifa	62	11-16	17
Be'er Sheva	89	8-11	14
Dimona	88	10-16	18
Sharon	88	8-11	14
Tel Aviv	71	12-16	17
B-G Airport	80	10-16	17
Aricho	76	10-16	17
Caes	76	10-16	17
Beer Sheva	91	7-14	17
Eilat	100-120	70-90	20
Tirau	33	13-21	22

Social and Personal

The Speaker of the Knesset, Yisrael Yeshayahu, yesterday received the Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Ingo Müssi, at his office.

Tiberias Mayor Moshe Tzohar held a New Year's reception yesterday for the 70 families of the UN Observers Corps here. He wished them an early return home "for lack of work here and because of peace in the area," but invited them back "as tourists and pilgrims."

Shulamit Aloni MK will speak, in Hebrew, on "Israel as I see it," in the Tuesday noon series of talks at the David Yellin Teachers College, Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem, today.

The Jerusalem Lions Club meets tonight at 8.30 at the Jerusalem Hilton. Dr. George EH Walokin, neurologist and senior lecturer at Tel Aviv University, will lecture on "The Brain and Its Functions" (with slides).

The Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce (Israel) is holding a welcome luncheon in honor of the British Ambassador, Mr. J.C. Mason, and Mrs. Mason, at the Dan Hotel, Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv, at 1.15 today.

BIRTH — to Pauline and Joel Reich, a son, Oren, grandson to Anna and Joshua Granby of London, and Haiya and Karl Reich of Ramat Gan.

Bright boys wanted

TEL AVIV. — More than 10,000 soldiers now serving in office and service jobs will be retrained for frontline combat during 1977. Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur told a gathering of primary school heads here yesterday.

Gur, who was trying to persuade the principals to send more bright boys to the military academies attached to high schools in Tel Aviv and Haifa, emphasized the way the IDF can grow and improve within the limits of available manpower. "Recently, I went to see four girls soldiers doing a job which previously was given only to men. If the experiment succeeds, we can send 50 more men into combat. We're also taking men from the 40's who previously only did guard duty and training them for front-line fighting."

In order to accomplish all of this, and to be ready for the sophisticated wars of the future, the army needs a nucleus of officers of the kind the military academies train. So far, the Chief of Staff said, there are only about 850 graduates of the academies. Many more are needed.

"We can't lower the standard of boys accepted. They must be bright and be able to do their high school work at the country's best schools. We are trying to recruit boys from development towns in the technical academies."

The Minister of Education, Aharon Yadin, told the headmasters that the academies are important educationally as well as for defence, providing their students with an excellent education both inside and outside the classroom.

The Kamenitzer Yeshiva and Associated Institutions extend heartfelt sympathy to the Pick Family on the loss of their revered father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, the Renowned Patron of Torah.

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son of Reb Yaakov Pick

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Dr. Raphael (Raymond) Bar-On and Family

on the passing of his wife, their mother

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In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved

MARGARETE HEIN

The funeral will take place at the Old Cemetery, Hof Hacarmel (main gate) at 11 a.m. today, January 4.

A bus will be available for those attending at 63 Moriya Avenue, Mount Carmel, at 10.15 a.m.

The Bereaved Family

AVRAHAM OFER

Avraham Ofer began his career in Israel's Labour movement in the early 1940's as youth leader in the Mahanot Ha'olim and Tnuva Meuhedet pioneering youth movements, and as one of the founding members of Kibbutz Hamadiya in the Beit She'an Valley. He was an efficient and dynamic organizer, who always knew how to get things done.

Ofar was one of the young rebels in Mapai against the party machine — the Gush — of the Fifties, but later switched sides and was to become one of the faithful party hordes himself. He linked his political career with wide-spread economic activities, first with Tnuva and the Ministry of Agriculture and later with the Ashdod Development Corporation, the Tel Aviv Municipality and Shikun Ovdim, the Histadrut housing company, from which he moved to the Housing Ministry and to the Cabinet — his last post.

Born in a traditional home in Horoskov, Poland, in 1922, he came to Jerusalem at the age of 11 with his parents, Miriam and Shlomo Hirsch. He joined the Hagana in 1937, and graduated from the Beit Hakerem high school in the early forties.

Having been an active member in the youth movement, he was sent by his kibbutz in 1944 to help organize the Young Guard — Mishmeret Tze'ira — of Mapai, which the Ashdod Ha'avoda faction left the party.

During the 1948 War of Independence, he served with the Israel Navy, with the rank of Sgan-Aluf, and was the first commander of the Eilat naval base.

Following his release from the army, he helped found the agricultural high school Kfar Hayarkon, near Tel Aviv. Later, he organized the younger party members to protest against the old-time party establishment.

In 1952, he was appointed secretary of the Mapai Tel Aviv branch, and later served under Moshe Dayan as assistant director-general of the Agriculture Ministry. He was one of the founders of the

poultry marketing council and of Agrexco. When he left the Ministry in 1964 in disagreement with Dayan, the then Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir appointed him joint and general manager of the Ashdod Development Corporation, together with Oved Ben-Ami.

During the 1965 elections when Ben-Gurion, Dayan and Shimon Peres left Mapai to found the Rafi Party, he organized the "Citizens for Eshkol" movement, which was instrumental in Mapai's election victory.

In the 1965 elections he ran for the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, and was appointed deputy mayor in charge of slum-clearing projects. He served both under the late Mayor Mordechai Namir and under Yehoshua Rabinowitz. In 1967, he was appointed general manager of Shikun Ovdim, but continued to serve on the Tel Aviv Council.

When Sapir was secretary-general of the Labour Party in 1968, Ofer organized the party membership census which served as the basis for the merger of Mapai, Rafi and Ashdod Ha'avoda. He was in charge of the Labour Party's 1969 election campaign, following which he was elected to the Knesset. Only after Golda Meir resigned and Yitzhak Rabin became Prime Minister in June 1974, was Ofer co-opted to the Government as Housing Minister.

During his seven years as head of Shikun Ovdim, he expanded the company's activities far beyond its previous scope. He concentrated on housing projects in development towns, slum quarters and for young couples, but also initiated various luxury building ventures in the main cities.

He was known for his dovish views, which he often voiced with great courage, even when these were not popular with the majority of party leaders. Several months ago, he tried to mediate between Rabin and Peres in an attempt to restore party unity.

He is survived by his wife, Shoshana, and three sons Dan, Ya'acov and Nadav, and grandchildren.



Jeanie Lee (SBS)

Success is a problem

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If you had mentioned the idea of an "open university" to anyone of political or academic standing in Britain in the early 1960's, you would have received a blank look or a supercilious negative.

Baroness Lee of Ashridge, Anurin Bevan's widow, who, as James Lee, Britain's Minister for the Arts in the second half of the 1960's, was the major political supporter of Britain's Open University, told the Open University's story yesterday to the staff of Everyman's University, which is patterned after the British institution.

She said that opposition to the idea came not only from the academic community — which was afraid of encroachment on its territory — but also from some Labour Party activists who felt adult education courses would be more appropriate for working people.

"We didn't start at a lower level and work up because we knew we'd never reach university level that way. Our first aim was to set up a university which would have the same high standards as any other, even if it taught over radio and television, by correspondence and in short residential sessions during the summers. Now that we've fought and won that battle, we can cater to people who need lower-level adult education courses in an open high school which we hope to establish soon."

The civil servants who had hitherto opposed the idea, "went jobs at the Open University," she said.

"We have the problem of success. Our resources aren't sufficient to meet the demand for our services."

'Dovish' Rabin woos Mapam

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday met Mapam's senior leaders in an attempt to convince the left-wing party to continue its alignment with Labour.

Mapam's political secretary, Nat'hali Feder, told The Jerusalem Post he had noticed a slightly increased readiness on the part of Rabin to yield territory taken during the Six Day War.

Rabin expressed readiness to yield territory "on all fronts," including the West Bank, in the context of a settlement that would be far more than the Labour Party's policy, expressed in the "14 points," which states that Labour is ready for "territorial compromise." (The 14 points do not say "on all fronts.") But the Prime Minister did not go as far as the opening of the Mapam convention last June, when he spoke of "far-reaching con-

cessions" on all fronts. The West Bank is the main issue. The majority in the Cabinet is reported to support the "Allon Plan," which envisages withdrawal from most territories there, but a debate has been avoided. Mapam wanted the readiness to withdraw to be included in the Alignment election platform.

Minister Victor Shemtov explained that such an inclusion would give the next government the authority to negotiate a territorial settlement on the eastern front without necessitating a referendum or elections once an agreement is worked out. But Shemtov's demand is opposed by several Labour leaders, including former Prime Minister Golda Meir, who said on Friday that a government may initial an agreement but, because of the sensitivity of the issue, it must hold elections to win endorsement.

Rabin and Mapam also differed on the Palestinian issue. Feder disputed the Prime Minister's assertion that the key to the problem is the 4 states' refusal to accept the existence of Israel. Feder said another "key" is the Palestinian issue.

Feder told The Post Rabin was trying to come closer to the Mapam stand, but it was not clear whether the Labour Party would back Feder. Accordingly, Mapam's education secretary, Elazar Giv, asked which forms would recommend the policy amendment.

Mapam expects a reply to a question about the forum at next meeting with Rabin, on Thursday.

Rabin had earlier told Mapam all speakers at Friday's meeting the subcommittee preparing the official platform for Labour's convention, supported territorial concessions for peace.

Optimism prevails at Herut convention

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "This is a victory convention," speaker after speaker stressed at the Herut convention, which opened deliberations at Beit Jaber yesterday. But the optimism was somewhat qualified with the warning that the road to winning at the polls will be a difficult one.

Changing the electoral system emerged as a central theme of the day's discussions, moved here after Sunday night's festive opening in Jerusalem. The Herut spokes-

man, Eliyahu Ben Eliezer, said that optimism was flowing strongly in the direction of changing the system of proportional representation to a combination of regional and proportional systems.

MK Haim Landau suggested the possibility of electing 80 Knesset members on a regional basis, and the remaining 40 by proportional representation.

This change in direction over previous Herut policy on elections to the Knesset is based on a diminution of the traditional Herut fear

Yadin, Sharon differ on issues, won't merge

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Yigael Yadin, the leader of the Democratic Movement for Change, said yesterday that basic differences in opinion stopped his movement from uniting with Ariel Sharon's Shomron movement.

Yadin said he had met with Sharon three times, and that the last meeting yesterday morning ended without the two leaders agreeing on central issues. Yadin was speak-

ing yesterday to students at the Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba. The two movements, Yadin said, do not differ on the issue of electoral reform. He also said he had reached agreement with Sharon that the two new parties would not attack each other in the campaign.

On compulsory arbitration, Yadin said he favours such arbitration for essential services, but added that "essential services" should be defined by law. The Histadrut, Yadin said, has too many powers — a

relic, he said, of pre-State days. He said the Histadrut should be a union organization, and should be allowed to own vast industries.

In reply to a question, Yadin said the Palestinian problem would be solved in an Arab state. He would be formed on both sides of the Jordan River, but leaving it control of the river. He said "if the Palestinians take over a peace settlement would be closer."

Sylvia Raphael weds Oslo lawyer

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sylvia Raphael, who was convicted in 1974 of killing a suspected Black September terrorist in Norway and expelled after serving part of her five-and-a-half-year sentence, has married in Oslo after marrying the lawyer who defended her.

The Jerusalem Post learned from a reporter at the Oslo newspaper "Dag Bladet" that the couple, who were married in South Africa last week, are planning to settle in Norway. The government has not yet decided whether to grant her permission to stay.

The groom, Annuus Schjoedt Jr., 55, who is divorced, is recognized as

one of Norway's top lawyers. Miss Raphael, 39, was born to a Christian mother and a Jewish father in South Africa, and settled in Israel a few years before the killing.

Schjoedt went to the Ministry of Justice shortly after his arrival in Israel. He had married Miss Raphael, a famous World War II pilot — not told whether his wife would be allowed to stay in the country. (Miss Raphael was "asked to leave" Norway after her release from prison, but was not formally expelled.)

"The 'Dag Bladet' reporter told The Post that the issue of Sylvia Raphael was "very touchy," and that the Norwegian public "is very glad that she has come back."

Galilee settlement boost

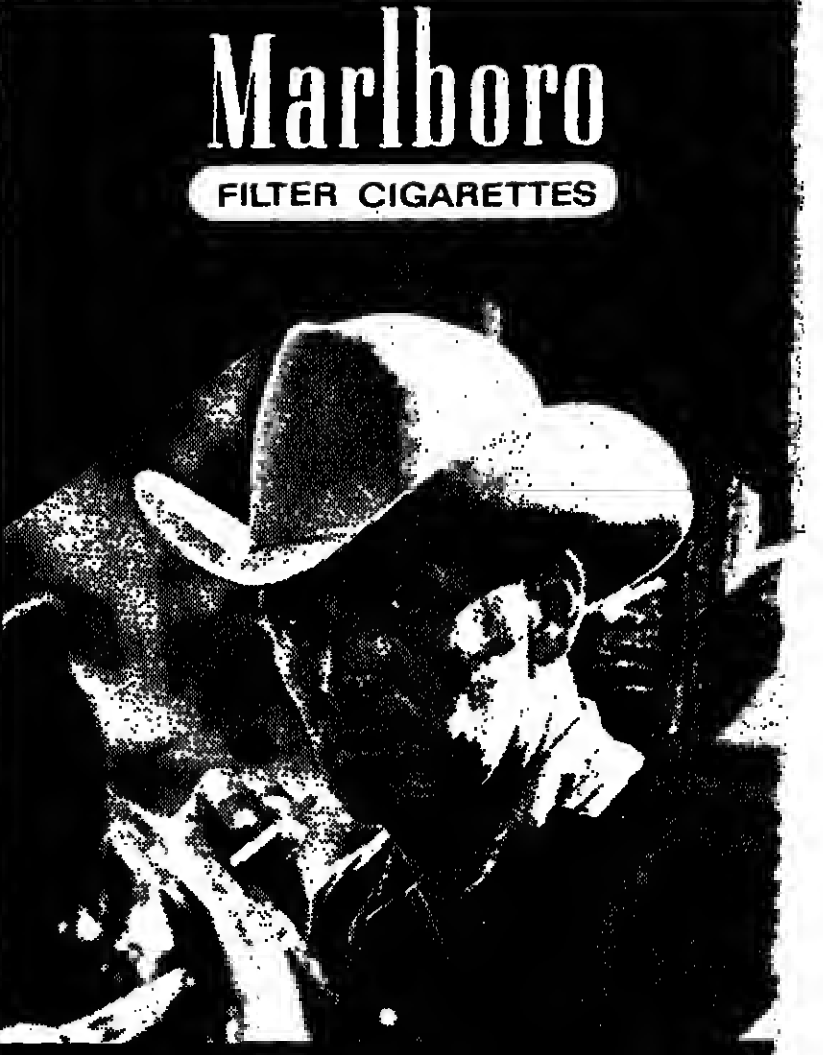
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset yesterday voted to establish a "state institution" to plan, coordinate and promote population dispersal (to development towns) and increase Jewish settlement of the Galilee.

The House thus completed action on a motion for the agenda on the subject by Alignment MKs Yosef Sarid and Jacques Amir. But Sarid insisted that no hope for action along these lines could be expected unless a government ministry were set up for the purpose.

"Only a Cabinet-level body with the power to carry out policy can succeed," Sarid said.

Sarid — who moved from Tel Aviv to Kiryat Shmona more than a year ago — predicted the proportion of Jews residing in the



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Rivlin chosen head of JNF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Agency Director-General Moshe Rivlin was chosen yesterday as chairman of the Jewish National Fund directorate, replacing the retiring Ya'acov Tsur.

Rivlin, 52, a seventh-generation Israeli and a descendant of a prominent Jerusalem family, served as Israel consul-general in New York from 1952 to 1959. He joined the Jewish Agency's information department upon his return, and became Agency director-general in 1968.

Following his election by the directorate (he had no rival), Rivlin said he saw the deepening of ties between Israel and the Diaspora — through the Land of Israel — as his main assignment.

LEKET in line for Ofar's seat

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Yehiel Leket, who is next in line for the Knesset seat left vacant by the death of Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, telephoned Jerusalem last night to discuss his immediate plans.

Leket, 35, was described as "in a state of shock" after hearing the news. He immediately put through a call to Uzi Narkis, director-general of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department.

For the past year and a half, Leket has served as director of the Israel Aliya Centre here. He served as secretary of the Labour Party's Young Guard and earlier as spokesman of the Ministry of Education.

RUMOURS OF SCANDAL

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that "most" of these allegations had been made by Laviv. "This isn't a police investigation," the spokesman said. "It's a preliminary examination just to see what there is. If Laviv raises 30 or 40 or 50 subjects, we have to see what's being talked about. A police investigation implies that you have good reason to believe that something criminal is involved."

Knesset members said earlier yesterday that the steps taken in a matter by Tamir and Olmert could only have come as a result of some police initiative. It is surmised that the police had come to a stage in their initial check of the "allegations" at which a deeper "investigation" was warranted. Launching such a full-fledged investigation against a cabinet minister or suspicion of criminal acts was obviously an act for which the police felt they needed the highest political clearance. Public pressure was needed, it is believed, to elicit such a political decision.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is known to have met with Justice Minister Haim Zadok, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Police Minister Hillel and Attorney-General

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Radio news resumes as sanctions end

GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The sanctions were imposed in support of the news staff's demands for elimination of organizational inadequacies and general reform, and additional pay for night work. The Authority had announced on Sunday that it was prepared to consider removal of the heads of the news and news department, which the Authority claimed the staff had demanded—or the question of additional pay.

At a news conference on Monday night, the radio staff committee categorically denied demanding the replacement of the department heads, and said the question of pay was not an issue.

Meanwhile, the Broadcasting Authority is saddled with another work dispute involving sanctions by the administrative staffs of both television and radio.

Staff representatives on Sunday met for three hours with Education Minister Aharon Yadin, the Cabinet member responsible for broadcasting. They obtained an undertaking that he would agree to air their demands for a separate wage scale once the sanctions were dropped. The workers are to give their reply today.

Radio has been the worst hit by this dispute. Yesterday the Third programme was completely off the air, while the main First programme opened three hours late at 10 a.m., with subsequent gaps and unannounced changes.



UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog, right, talks with 'Newsweek' correspondent Milan Kubic during press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. (Barzilai)

Arabs want Geneva start by April, Herzog says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Arabs are expected to make a determined attempt to reconvene the Geneva conference around April — before the general elections here — before the UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim hears in his planned tour of the area, and on Washington and the Soviet Union — the co-chairmen of the conference, he said.

After offering glowing praise for outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the UN William Scranton, Herzog — when asked whether he predicted any change in the U.S. stand at the UN — said Scranton's successor, Andrew Young, a Black, would soon learn that "not everything is black and white" at the UN and of the hypocrisy there.

Israelis who met PLO 'burned' by denial

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — There is "no chance" that Israel will ever "lift its boycott" against the Palestine Liberation Organization, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said here yesterday. He said that prominent Israelis who "home in like moths to a flame" on meetings with the PLO "get burned."

Appearing before Technion students, the Foreign Minister did not mention the names of Ahuf (res.) Mattityahu Peled and other members of the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace, but he made clear reference to them. He said that they had "learned their error" yesterday, when PLO reaction to the (Peled) statement made on Sunday "did not have the ring of historic importance" that had been attached to it.

(Peled said on Sunday that his council had received agreement for a statement which backed the right of Israel to exist side-by-side with a Palestinian state. The Peled statement was denied Sunday night and yesterday by PLO leader Farouk Kaddoumi and by the PLO news agency, Wafa.)

Allon said that he opposed meetings between Jewish or Israeli personalities and PLO representatives. He noted that he had just received a document setting out the views of an "Arab political personality" I cannot name, who had "expressed his astonishment that Jews and Israelis are prolonging the life of the PLO as a political factor by holding regular meetings with them, and creating the impression that the PLO will be a partner for future negotiations with Israel."

"Let there be no illusion," he said. "There is no chance and no hope that the PLO, whose Palestinian National Covenant is an Arabic 'Mein Kampf' which in three separate paragraphs calls for the destruction of Israel, and which employs base fighting methods against our civilians, can represent the Palestinian people, or can even hope that Israel lift its boycott against it."

"I'd advise the Israelis to leave foreign policy to the elected government," Allon said.

As a result of the "grave role" the PLO played in the Lebanese war, some important Arab countries were beginning to change their attitude towards it, Allon said. Despite the Rabat conference decision, these states might encourage Jordan to return to the picture.

Allon said the Geneva conference "will not reconvene" on the basis of last month's UN General Assembly resolution. He was referring to a General Assembly resolution which included the Palestinian Liberation Organization as one of the participants in the renewed Geneva talks. He said that Israel proposed the convening of the conference, without delay, on the basis of Security Council Resolution 338 — with its original participants and procedures. If the Arabs wanted to include Lebanon as a participant, Allon said, they could raise this as a proposal at the conference.

Allon expressed doubt that the conference indeed would meet in the near future. He did not rule out the possibility of bilateral negotiations with each of the Arab states, with American mediation.

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Violence keeps Zim freighter in African port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — An outbreak of violence on an Israeli freighter, now in the Nigerian port of Lagos, was reported by her master, Yoram Gal, yesterday. He wired the Marine Officers' Union here that the sailors had stolen arms from the ship's stores and created an atmosphere of "near bloodshed, violence and fear" on board.

The freighter, owned by Zim and flying a foreign flag, is engaged on the Africa-Far East route. She is manned by 15 Israeli seamen, five officers and a number of Chinese sailors. It is believed that the fight broke out over alleged pilfering of cargo by members of the crew.

Captain Gal informed the Union that though the men had stolen arms from the ship's store, he was in full control of the situation. But he is refusing to sail until at least some of the seamen, including the bosun, are dismissed. He also cabled the (Zim) company about the incident.

Officers' Union secretary Adam Chislik told The Jerusalem Post that the Union had wired its full support to the ship's master and ordered him not to sail until all ratings who had been involved in violence and mutinous action were paid off.

portoto agent disappears, IL150,000 said missing

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A — A general agent of the toto football pool in Haifa has disappeared. The agent, Shlomo Yan, 53, has not been seen since Friday, after he had sent the pool forms to the Tel Aviv authorities.

Jerusalem Post learned that he did not forward the money as forms, said to be more than 100,000, and it is believed that he has left the country. According to rumors he had borrowed a capital at high interest. He is about 110 cm. is involved.

Sportoto official told The Post all the Haifa forms for last day's matches had been forwarded to the headquarters, and "everybody in Haifa who scores correct results will get his full share." He confirmed that the forms had not been forwarded. A senior official, Ya'acov Shmudov, came to Haifa just after noon yesterday to investigate. He told The Post that Grinspan had worked for Sportoto for five years, and his work had always been satisfactory. The police have been informed. But he could not be reached for comment.

The Toto fans have no complaints if their winnings are honored, as promised, and the "black capitalist" leaders are unlikely to appeal to the police for fear of drawing attention to themselves.

Last year a Haifa insurance agent, David Sandu, left the country, leaving large debts mainly to "black capitalists," and for many weeks no complaints were lodged with the police. He has not yet returned.

The Sportoto agency is located in a central spot, on the corner of Hanev'im and Shabetai Levy Streets in the Hadar.

Govt. responds on NRP suit

The Supreme Court yesterday heard the Prime Minister's and the Government's responses to an application by a Tel Aviv student on the participation of National Religious Party Ministers in the Cabinet.

The government response was signed by Dr. Michael Nir, deputy Cabinet secretary, and took the position that the NRP was in the same situation as if the whole Knesset faction of that party had voted against the Government in a no-confidence debate.

The application by the student, Haim Stenger, claims that the resignation of the NRP Ministers is illegal. He points out that Interior Minister Yosef Burg did not vote against the Government, and thus the situation is different from one in which an entire faction had voted no-confidence in the Government — in which case its Ministers would be presumed to have been dismissed.

The Government response was entered after the court decided to hear Stenger's application together with others arising out of the Government's resignation. The hearing, before a five-man bench, will take place on Wednesday. (Tim)

Bat Yam mayor would quit rather than compromise

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM — Mayor Yitzhak Walker, who lost his City Council majority on Sunday, said yesterday that he will step down from office "if keeping it will mean any compromises that would involve public interest or funds."

Walker, who previously had a majority of one in the 21-member council, may lose his office at the council meeting scheduled for January 12. Three members of his Likud faction — Yehuda Shkel and Maurice Abutbul of Herut, and David Messika, most recently of La'am — have dropped out of the coalition.

Walker told The Jerusalem Post that there are still attempts at negotiation, although the three said they would return only if someone else replaced Walker. Walker said he is "not averse to making concessions which only involve prestige, but I will not hold on to office at any price. I will not give away municipal portfolios nor delegate authority in cases where I previously saw fit not to do so."

He told The Post that the three councilmen had asked that he guarantee in writing to put them on the City Council list for the upcoming elections and that he would appoint them as deputies if re-elected. "This I cannot ethically promise," he insisted. "I am not a party dictator and there are accepted democratic processes."

Meanwhile, the Alignment municipal faction hasn't asked that a motion to vote the mayor out of office be included on the next City Council agenda. The Alignment itself seems divided on the issue. Those favoring such a motion, reportedly including former Mayor Menachem Rothschild, say that because elections are around the corner, it would be worthwhile for Labour to take over City Hall, even if for a few weeks.

Others say that this would be playing straight into Walker's hands, because he would win the electorate sympathy by asserting that the Alignment were partners in "wheeling-dealing" on the eve of the polls. Those who oppose a Labour takeover claim it would be better to let matters deteriorate at City Hall, until the lack of a municipal majority for any faction would result in the appointment of a committee to run the city for the months prior to the elections.

Walker told The Post that while he would "prefer to run for re-election as mayor," he does not "feel that loss of office would result in losses at the polls. If early local elections are called in May, public sympathy will be on my side," he claimed.

Ministry men jailed for bribery

AVIV — Four Defence Ministry employees who were found taking bribes from transport contractors were sentenced to terms ranging from two years to 18 months at the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Judge Dov Levin passed sentences to four, all employees of the Defence Ministry's transport and defence department, who were guilty by the same court two days ago.

Shak Rubin, 40 from Ra'anana, former director of the transport unit in the ministry department, was sentenced to two years imprisonment and fined IL11,000. He found guilty of taking IL20,000 from transport contractors in receiving a special price for his son's vacation in an Egged summer camp.

Yisrael Rosenzweig, 53, from Holon was sent to jail for two years with a one-year suspended sentence and a IL5,000 fine. The court found him guilty of taking bribes totalling IL5,000, and of receiving free bus passes for his family from Egged.

Eliyahu Cohen, 31, from Bat Yam, was sentenced to nine months in jail with a nine-month suspended sentence and a IL5,000 fine for taking IL35,000 in interest-free loans from Defence Ministry contractors.

Gavriel Kol-Namer, 42, also from Bat Yam, was sentenced to six months in jail with a six-month suspended sentence and a IL2,000 fine for taking a IL4,000 interest-free loan from a ministry contractor.

More Black Hebrews enter country, Dimona says in urgent plea

By HAIM SHAHAM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DIMONA — The mayor of Dimona and town leaders have sought urgent action to deal with the Black Hebrew sect, whose members, they claim, have brought the social situation in the town "near explosion."

In letters to the Ministers of Interior, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Police, Dimona mayor Armand Laredo, his deputy the head of the local labour council and the local rabbi claim that another 25 Black Hebrews from the U.S. have recently joined the Dimona community. They say that the new additions to the 500 Black Hebrews already in Dimona, entered the country despite instructions to immigration officials at Ben-Gurion Airport not to allow them to enter.

The Dimona leaders said that the Black Hebrews have moved into new neighbourhoods, besides the Nitzahon neighbourhood where they have lived packed with as many as 30 people in each 64 square metre flat. They said many residents of the Nitzahon quarter have recently moved to other quarters, or left the town.

The Foreign Ministry answered the letter of the Dimona leaders, saying that the Black Hebrews are the affair of the Interior Ministry. The Interior Ministry spokesman said that the former Interior Minister, Yosef Burg, was due to present the problem to the Cabinet before the Government crisis forced his resignation. He said that the present Interior Minister, Premier Yitzhak Rabin, would deal with the Black Hebrews.

The Black Hebrews are a sect of blacks from the U.S. who claim that they, and not the Jews, are the real descendants of the Biblical Israelites.

Zim ships sail

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Marine Officers' Union and Zim reached agreement on Sunday night in the dispute over fringe payments to officers on board a company tanker and the 30,000-ton grain carrier, the Avdat.

Following the settlement, the union enabled the two ships, whose sailing had been held up, to proceed.

Composer's piano stolen

TEL AVIV — Composer Nahum Yardi's return home after a stay in hospital yesterday was marred by a discordant note yesterday, when he found that the piano which he has used for many years for composing was missing.

The 75-year-old Yardi learned from neighbours that while he was in hospital, a number of men had entered his apartment in mid-December and loaded the instrument onto a van.

The police are investigating.

Doctor in sit-down

MA'ALOT — Kupat Holim physician Zvi Kolkovskiy Sunday began a sit-down strike at the local council offices, in protest against "impossible conditions" at his clinic.

The clinic is being expanded and the doctor claims that the noise, dust and disturbance from the builders makes his work impossible. He wants the council to provide an alternate building until the job is completed.

The council offered to place two flats at the disposal of the clinic until the work is completed. The offer was rejected on the grounds that the flats were unsuitable. The other physicians at the clinic are continuing their services, but back Dr. Kolkovskiy's demand.

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Nixon helped Nazi war criminal get U.S. residence, author says

By ERNEST VOLKMAN

Special from 'Newsday'

NEW YORK. — A pro-Nazi Rumanian industrialist who financed a fascist group that carried out the public slaughter of thousands of Jews during World War II was able to obtain sanctuary in the U.S. with the direct aid of Richard Nixon, according to a forthcoming book on Nazi war criminals living in the U.S.

The book, "Wanted: The Search for Nazis in America," by Howard Blum, presents documentary evidence showing how the industrialist, Nicolae Malaxa, and Nixon set up a complex business scheme during the 1950s, when Nixon was a senator, to block efforts by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Ser-

vice to deport Malaxa. Neither Nixon nor other principals in the case could be reached for comment.

Malaxa, who died in 1968, was considered the richest man in Rumania during the 1930s. He controlled a network of lucrative armaments plants, and in 1940 he signed an agreement with Hermann Goering, integrating his factories with the Nazi war industry.

According to author Blum, newly discovered German Foreign Ministry documents from World War II show that Malaxa financed the Rumanian Iron Guard, a virulently anti-Semitic fascist group. In 1941, the Iron Guard carried out a series of pogroms in Bucharest. In a violent outbreak that repelled even Nazis in

Germany, the Iron Guard slaughtered Jews in the streets and hacked their bodies. Jewish children were killed and hung on meat hooks at a packing house.

After the war, Malaxa was jailed in Rumania for a short period. He applied for entry to the U.S. in 1948 as a displaced person. In a successful effort to retrieve millions of dollars that had been seized by the U.S. during the war as enemy property, Malaxa hired several prominent attorneys, including the law firm of former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Next, Blum says, Malaxa moved against a ruling by the Immigration Service that he was unfit to hold American citizenship because of his involvement in the Iron Guard atrocities against Jews. In 1951, then-Senator Richard Nixon introduced a private bill granting Malaxa permanent residence in the U.S.

The bill was blocked, but, Blum says, Nixon and Malaxa then worked out a complicated deal that finally got Malaxa his citizenship. Malaxa organized a new company called Western Tube Corp., with the same corporate address as Nixon's law firm in Whittier, California. Nixon's law partner subsequently was named secretary of the corporation. Then, Western Tube applied to the Federal Government for priority for its equipment and personnel, since the seamless oil-well tubing it was to manufacture was considered critical to defense needs during the Korean War.

Blum says Nixon personally pushed the application through government channels until it was granted in 1953, and Malaxa was admitted to the U.S. as a permanent resident. But, Blum says, Western Tube never materialized. He charges the corporation was a subterfuge to get Malaxa into the U.S.

Said one Justice Department official familiar with the case: "To me, the Malaxa case made what Nixon did later in Watergate look like a school picnic. He knew exactly what Malaxa was, and the evidence is quite strong that he got a lot of dough for his two years' work. Funny, there were a few people who knew about the Western Tube case, but it never got much attention up to now."

The Western Tube case attracted a brief flurry of attention in 1953, when several Congressmen, including the late Emmanuel Celler (Democrat, New York), then chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, complained in Congress that the company application was a "shell game" cooked up by Nixon to obtain resident status for an accused Nazi war criminal.

Celler, who was instrumental in blocking Nixon's earlier private bill on Malaxa, called the case "suspicious" and noted that, ironically, many victims of Nazi war crimes were unable to enter the U.S.

In 1958, the Immigration Service again moved against Malaxa, ordering his deportation as an "undesirable" following several months of eyewitness testimony alleging his involvement in war crimes. Malaxa, backed by a battery of prominent attorneys, including several former Immigration Service officials, then in private law practice, appealed the ruling. The Immigration Appeals Board overruled the deportation order, and that decision was affirmed by then-U.S. Attorney General William Rogers, a personal friend of Nixon.

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Jihan Sadat, daughter of Egypt's president, poses with her husband, engineer Mahmoud Osman during their wedding ceremony in Cairo on Sunday night. (AP radio photo)

'Ulster Protestants making guns for street battles'

BELFAST. — The Ulster Defence Association (UDA), highest of Northern Ireland's Protestant street armies is manufacturing its own submachine guns and plans to equip 1,500 of its men with the new weapon, the "Daily Express" newspaper reported yesterday.

The paper quoted an unidentified UDA official as saying the weapons are designed for close-quarter street fighting.

"We're not talking about picking someone off here and there," the official was quoted as saying. "We're talking about pitched battles."

However, John Orchin, a senior officer in the paramilitary UDA, denied the "Express" report. "It's utter nonsense," he told the Associated Press. "There is no secret factory turning out these mythical weapons. As far as we're concerned, this is simply black propaganda put out by the British army to give them an excuse to search Protestant areas for arms."

Spokesmen at army headquarters declined comment, but military intelligence sources have said for some time that both Protestant and Roman Catholic extremist organizations have been attempting to produce their own weapons.

The outlawed Irish Republican Army's Provisional Wing has been using sophisticated home-made mortars, with rocket-propelled shells, for months in attacks against army bases. The military have captured dozens of them.

Last fall, Protestant terrorists began using home-made flame-throwers which they said were designed for street warfare — primarily for use in full-scale attacks on Catholic ghettos in the event of all-out sectarian civil war.

The "Express" said the UDA's new weapon is modelled on the British army's Sterling, one of the best lightweight sub-machineguns in military use. The weapon, designed to take the Sterling's 34-round magazine of 9mm ammunition, is made piece by piece in separate workshops, the paper said. (AP)

Amin enjoys viewing Entebbe film

NAIROBI. — President Idi Amin of Uganda has shown "Victory at Entebbe," a movie about the Israeli commando raid on Entebbe Airport in July, for his friends and decided he likes it, even though it portrays a defeat for his army, Kenya's "Daily Standard" reported yesterday. The paper said Amin initially had decided to screen the movie in Uganda "to show how stupid it is," but instead found it enjoyable.

Amin was quoted as saying: "I'm portrayed very well in the film." The burly president is played by American actor Julius Harris in the U.S.-made movie, which stars Elizabeth Taylor, Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster. (AP)

Rebellion may pre-date Mao's death

HONGKONG. — One of China's top leaders, Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien, said an "excellent" situation of "united struggle" prevails throughout the country and those who had hoped for violent disturbances following the death of Mao Tse-tung have been disappointed.

But even as Li spoke, Chinese radio broadcasts reported more disturbances caused by the "Gang of Four" — Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, and her three radical associates.

Most of the reports gave no dates but their wording clearly indicated that most of the incidents had occurred months — or even years ago. The West German DPA news agency quoted Chinese sources who said no new pockets of resistance have developed after the October arrest of the "Gang of Four." This

indicated that the rebellion broke out before the purge. But the sources stressed that "the government and army still have the task of liquidating the widely dispersed rebellion."

The stronghold of the rebellion was in Szechwan, a rice bowl province in south-west China with a population of 68 million. There "many hundreds, if not thousands, of persons have died in civil war-like disturbances," the report said.

The rebels reportedly fought with handmade spears and stone axes as well as some guns provided by militia units controlled by Chiang Ching's radical supporters. "Problems" are also continuing in Paoing, 90 miles south of Peking in Hopeh province, where rebels are holding positions and destroying factories, the German dispatch said.

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Vorster-Richard talks on Rhodesia 'helpful'

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Egyptian divers find Churchill's submarine

CAIRO. — The submarine Winston Churchill and El Al-Akbar, used to escape from Axis air raid in 1943 was sunk in Egypt's Mediterranean sea, divers reported yesterday.

The submarine was sunk by Germans a short time after Churchill used it for his escape. It found 30 metres from the shore, Egyptian divers working on the site of the port.

Iran to trade oil for UK arms

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Iran and the big British arms firm, Vickers, have agreed to barter oil for defence equipment. This is the first time that any company has agreed to receive oil instead of cash payment.

Vickers executives will go to Iran this week to discuss the Shah of Iran's insistence on acceptance of oil instead of money for defence equipment. This apparently reflects Iranian financial difficulties under its over-ambitious industrial development programme.

Vickers is producing part of a multi-million dollar British defence deal with Tehran, in the form of 250 armoured recovery vehicles worth \$80m. Iran has also ordered other sophisticated equipment in Britain.

A spokesman for Vickers commented on the problems involved in the oil barter, saying that the Shah's insistence on oil instead of money for defence equipment. This apparently reflects Iranian financial difficulties under its over-ambitious industrial development programme.

Humphrey, Byrd seek Senate post

WASHINGTON. — Democratic members of the U.S. Senate meet today to elect a successor to Mike Mansfield as their leader. The rival candidates are former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey and Robert Byrd, the party's deputy Senate leader.

A conference of Republican senators also will be held to choose their party leaders. The eight new Republican senators were to meet yesterday with actual or potential candidates for party leadership posts.

Byrd has been the acknowledged front-runner for the Democratic leadership post. But David Galtner, Humphrey's administrative assistant, told a reporter that "we still think we have a chance" and that "the key thing" is that the vote will be by secret ballot.

Galtner said two or three senators have urged Humphrey privately to drop out, telling him they were going to vote for him even though they are publicly committed to Byrd.

Byrd had no comment on Galtner's statement. Byrd has been the party leader since 1972, when unseated Edward Kennedy.

Mansfield, who served Senate Democratic leadership posts for 15 years, didn't run for re-election in the new Congress.

Breira urges Jews to meet PLO

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Breira, an anti-establishment American Jewish organization, has begun distributing a petition urging Jews in the U.S. to begin meeting members of the Palestine Liberation Organization on a private basis.

Two members, Breira, Arthur Waskow and Rabbi Max Tietze, were part of a five-member group of U.S. Jewish leaders who met privately here in November with two PLO representatives, Dr. Issa

Sartawi and Sabri Jiryis. Most American Jewish organizations condemned the meeting, and called their members to avoid any contact with the PLO in the future.

Breira's latest initiative speaks of the private context of the November meeting, and says that it supports more meetings on the same basis. Robert Loeb, executive director of the organization, says that Breira does not support the PLO, but welcomes every effort to promote Middle East peace.

Jazz pianist Erroll Garner dies

LOS ANGELES. — Jazz pianist and composer Erroll Garner died here on Sunday on the way to hospital, after a heart attack, aged 53.

Garner, whose best-known works include "Misty," "Dreamy," "Soliloquy," and "Gallop," was released from hospital after treatment for a lung condition last month.

He made his debut in his home town of Pittsburgh at age seven, playing in a radio ensemble called the Candy Kids.

York's Carnegie Hall and in Park and was many times a soloist with major symphony orchestras. He also wrote film music.

Garner could not read music and rarely played a tune the same way twice, a fact which probably dissuaded imitators.

"They may think they are imitating me but I'm always changing things," he said.

Garner is survived by a twin brother and three sisters. (AP, Reuters)

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Israel youth XI win 6-nation tourney

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Soccer Reporter

ASHDOD — Israel won the six-nation international youth soccer tournament by beating Denmark 1-0 in the final match yesterday before a crowd of 5,000.

The winning goal was scored by Gil Landay in the 38th minute, culminating a fine first-half display by the hosts. Denmark did most of the attacking after the turn-around, as the Israeli players tired.

In an earlier match here, Rumania defeated Greece 3-0 to take third place in the event behind Denmark. In Netanya, Sweden beat Switzerland 1-0.

In the final table, Greece finished fourth, followed by Sweden, last year's champions, and Switzerland. Israel has now won the title in two of the three years in which the youth tournament has been played here.

Cape Town U. rugby here for four games

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — Cape Town University's star-studded rugby team arrived here on Sunday night for a fortnight's goodwill tour arranged by the Israel Rugby Football Union.

South Africa's current Western Province league champions open their four-match itinerary tomorrow against the combined Kibbutzim at Yizre'el.

From Israel, the side goes on to games in Italy and Spain. They were welcomed here by South African commercial attaché Jack Carstens.

IRFU President Jack Rubin, Vice-President Abraham Ginsberg and Honorary Secretary Norman Spiro.

Among the 22 team members are two Springboks, Skipper Chris Pope and Peter Whipp, eight international trialists and eight Western Province players. In the 1976 Currie Cup competition, Western Province was runners-up to the Orange Free State.

This is the first overseas tour in the almost 100-year history of the variety's rugby club. It follows the successful 1975 trip to Israel of Northern Transvaal, which led to South African Rugby Board President Danie Craven encouraging Cape Town to follow suit.

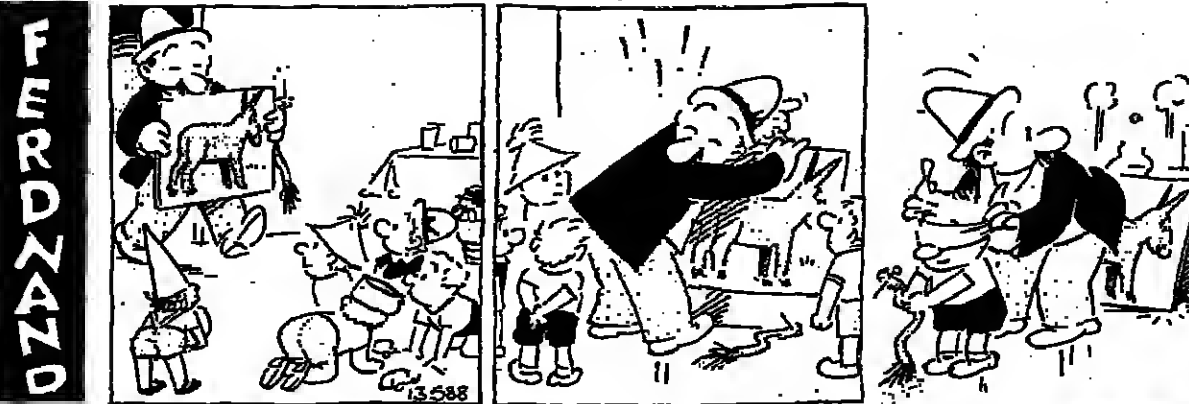
The visit was planned by tour manager Cecil Moss, the University's outgoing coach and a former Springbok vice-captain, assisted by Club Captain Steve Hofmeyr. It was given the enthusiastic backing of University Vice-Chancellor Sir Richard Luyt, who was one of General Orde Wingate's senior staff officers in East Africa during World War II.

The "open" University of Cape Town — which has a long record of support for racial equality in South Africa — had intended bringing over a racially mixed team, but it was found that there are not yet any non-white players good enough for the side. Dr. Moss told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday in an interview at Tel Aviv's Country Club Hotel.

Dr. Moss, one of the Republic's leading coaches, said that he looks forward to welcoming many Israeli Rugby players to the four clinics which he and current Cape Town coach Gus Enderstein will conduct here. The first of these is at Kibbutz Na'an today, starting at 2.30 p.m. Yesterday the visitors underwent the first of their regular training sessions.

IRFU selectors Edelstein, Abelsohn, Ginsberg, Morris and Tross on Sunday announced the names of the squad from which Israel's XV will be chosen for the "test" match against Cape Town in Givatayim on January 15. The players are:

Len Chase, Graham Clynes, Yaron Drori, Steve Dworkin, Gadi Feldman, Shimon Feldman, Charles Goldin, Brian Graham, Tommy Heendler, Alvin Hoffmann, Charley Johnstone, Dave Kaplan, Milton Springbok vice-captain, assisted by Club Captain Steve Hofmeyr. It was given the enthusiastic backing of University Vice-Chancellor Sir Richard Luyt, who was one of General Orde Wingate's senior staff officers in East Africa during World War II.



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STOCKS

New year's revelry

AVIV. — The action of the Tel Aviv stock market yesterday resembled a new year's revelry as the market continued to rise. The index of prices rose by 0.48 per cent to 1,775. Volume continued to be strong.

Financial issues were heavily traded on the upside. The United Bank shares and options were traded with happy results. The share price rose to 480, a new high, before easing to 475. The options were also active, with the call option rising to 381, and the put option falling to 400.

The big three banks continued to be the mainstay of the market. Their shares were up, with the Bank of Israel rising to 1,200, the Bank of Leumi to 1,100, and the Bank of Hapoalim to 1,000.

Insurance shares were also active, with the Israel Insurance Co. rising to 1,500, and the Jerusalem Insurance Co. to 1,400.

Real estate shares were also active, with the Israel Real Estate Co. rising to 1,200, and the Jerusalem Real Estate Co. to 1,100.

Industrial shares were also active, with the Israel Industrial Co. rising to 1,000, and the Jerusalem Industrial Co. to 900.

The market was closed at 1,775, up 0.48 from the previous day.

Most active issues

B. Leumi	389.5+1.0	IL949,200
Hapoalim	336+1.0	IL490,700
IDB		
(pref 4-opt)	132+0.5	IL445,200
Stocks traded:		IL19.6m
Variables:		IL4.8m
Bonds:		IL17.0m
Natad:	IL9.89+3.3g	
Demand:	\$25,000	
Turnover:	\$550,000	

1.77	30.12.76	1.77	30.12.76
Bank of Israel	1200	Bank of Leumi	1100
Bank of Hapoalim	1000	Bank of Jerusalem	900
Israel Insurance Co.	1500	Jerusalem Insurance Co.	1400
Israel Real Estate Co.	1200	Jerusalem Real Estate Co.	1100
Israel Industrial Co.	1000	Jerusalem Industrial Co.	900
United Bank	480	Bank of America	470
Bank of America	470	Bank of Europe	460
Bank of Europe	460	Bank of Africa	450
Bank of Africa	450	Bank of Asia	440
Bank of Asia	440	Bank of Australia	430
Bank of Australia	430	Bank of New Zealand	420
Bank of New Zealand	420	Bank of South Africa	410
Bank of South Africa	410	Bank of Canada	400
Bank of Canada	400	Bank of the United States	390
Bank of the United States	390	Bank of Mexico	380
Bank of Mexico	380	Bank of Brazil	370
Bank of Brazil	370	Bank of Argentina	360
Bank of Argentina	360	Bank of Chile	350
Bank of Chile	350	Bank of Peru	340
Bank of Peru	340	Bank of Colombia	330
Bank of Colombia	330	Bank of Venezuela	320
Bank of Venezuela	320	Bank of Ecuador	310
Bank of Ecuador	310	Bank of Bolivia	300
Bank of Bolivia	300	Bank of Paraguay	290
Bank of Paraguay	290	Bank of Uruguay	280
Bank of Uruguay	280	Bank of Cuba	270
Bank of Cuba	270	Bank of Haiti	260
Bank of Haiti	260	Bank of Santo Domingo	250
Bank of Santo Domingo	250	Bank of Dominican Republic	240
Bank of Dominican Republic	240	Bank of Puerto Rico	230
Bank of Puerto Rico	230	Bank of Guam	220
Bank of Guam	220	Bank of Northern Mariana	210
Bank of Northern Mariana	210	Bank of American Samoa	200
Bank of American Samoa	200	Bank of French Polynesia	190
Bank of French Polynesia	190	Bank of New Caledonia	180
Bank of New Caledonia	180	Bank of Wallis and Futuna	170
Bank of Wallis and Futuna	170	Bank of French Southern Territories	160
Bank of French Southern Territories	160	Bank of Antarctica	150
Bank of Antarctica	150	Bank of the Arctic	140
Bank of the Arctic	140	Bank of the Antarctic	130
Bank of the Antarctic	130	Bank of the Atlantic	120
Bank of the Atlantic	120	Bank of the Pacific	110
Bank of the Pacific	110	Bank of the Indian Ocean	100
Bank of the Indian Ocean	100	Bank of the Southern Ocean	90
Bank of the Southern Ocean	90	Bank of the Arctic Ocean	80
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Hour before closing Monday, Jan. 3, 1977

Market dips, bounces back

NEW YORK — The Stock Market opened yesterday, bouncing back from a dip in the previous session. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose to 1,000, up from 990 the previous day.

The market was closed at 1,000, up 10 from the previous day.

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AVRAHAM OFER

THE TRAGIC death yesterday of Abraham Ofer stunned the nation. The suicide note found near his body expressed the anguish which led him to this final desperate act.

Tormented by an inquiry and the rumours and reports which fed on it, Abraham Ofer, the public man, felt his world collapsing. The private man, convinced of his innocence, tragically saw death as his only escape.

But Ofer's suicide cannot be considered simply in terms of the personal tragedy. The investigation which prompted it will have to be reconsidered, not simply in terms of his death, but also in the light of his final protestation of innocence and his confidence that the truth will redeem him.

In this situation the government would appear beholden to the public to disclose the circumstances of the inquiry which led to Mr. Ofer's death.

PLO plays

REPORTING to the press on Sunday on his weekend talks in Paris with a leading PLO functionary, Dr. Mattityahu Peled, who is chairman of the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace, described the joint communiqué which ensued as "an historic breakthrough."

By his own account, this was no mere hyperbole. For in that communiqué the PLO appeared to accept in principle the peaceful coexistence of a Jewish-Zionist State of Israel and an Arab Palestine, across a common frontier running roughly along the old armistice line. Whatever its worth, this was somewhat astonishing. Only a fortnight earlier the PLO's Executive Committee met in Damascus, and the farthest it departed from the language of the Palestinian Covenant was in not saying that a "national authority" set up in a part of the homeland would eventually have to embrace all of Palestine.

But, added Dr. Peled, sarcastically, he now fully expected the Israel Foreign Ministry to come out with a statement branding the Paris talks as a smokescreen designed to mislead the public.

This prediction has not, so far, been borne out. What has, in fact, happened was that an unnamed PLO source in Beirut immediately blasted as "entirely unfounded" the report "spread by the Zionist enemy" that the PLO was prepared to recognize Israel as an independent Jewish State. This was at once followed by a formal denial, from the PLO's political chief, Farouk Kaddumi, to the effect that no representative of his organization had signed any document regarding Palestine "with Mr. Peled."

Undaunted, Peled hastened to endorse the denial: there was no signed document, he readily conceded, but there was a joint communiqué.

But that was clearly not the point of Kaddumi's denial. What was being denied was the assumption that the anonymous functionary — apparently Dr. Issa Sartawi — was authorized by the PLO to come to any sort of understanding with the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace. Let alone the sort of understanding spelled out by Dr. Peled.

True, the PLO is speaking with many voices these days. One of these belongs to Dr. Sartawi, who has lately been active on both sides of the Atlantic trying to persuade public opinion, both gentile and Jewish, that the Middle East conflict would come to an end as soon as Israel recognized the Palestinians' right to self-determination in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Another voice belongs to Abu Al-Khair, the PLO's official representative in Khartoum. In an interview with the Sudanese News Agency only yesterday Al-Khair said a Palestine State in a part of the country would only serve as a "concrete base" from which to continue the armed struggle for Israel's complete liquidation.

What Peled would have us believe is that, if only Israel smiled on Dr. Sartawi, the shrill noises of Al-Khair would easily be stilled. This is, of course, the conventional wisdom of the UN corridors. But it is the product of the marriage of wishful thinking and a short memory. On the matter of Palestinian self-determination, especially via the PLO, the proper address is not Jerusalem but Amman, and Cairo, and Damascus.

Interestingly, the Governments in these Arab capitals do not seem to share the Israel Peace Council's obsession with Palestinian independence. Experience has taught them to be wary of the PLO. That may very well be the reason why some PLO leaders have decided that by baiting some *bona fide* Israeli Zionists they could counter the estrangement of their supposed Arab patrons.

VIEWPOINT

Lip-service to integration

By MICHAEL SHASHAR

AN EDUCATIONAL drama is currently taking place in Jerusalem. For the first time, parents decided to go on strike and not send their children to several state religious schools in the capital. They did this not because they wanted appropriate school buildings, or central heating in the classrooms during the winter, but simply because they were worried about the quality of education their children are getting.

The educational standards in these schools are being seriously undermined as a result of the contradictory policies implemented by the various education authorities (the Municipality, on the one hand, and the Ministry of Education on the other). The situation has reached the stage where parents have no choice but to go on strike, and to demonstrate in order to present their just cause to the public through the media.

In Jerusalem, as in many other places in Israel, integration and reform in the education system is not taken seriously. The authorities are supposedly striving for genuine integration between children from affluent families and children who belong to the disadvantaged strata of Israeli society. However, the same authorities are also doing everything in order to defeat this goal.

In order for this integration to be successful, a certain ratio must be maintained between the two groups. Educationalists agree unanimously that the ratio should be 60:40 in favour of the "affluent," or at least 50:50. These figures are accepted by many religious parents who not only feel responsible for their children's education but are also showing civic and national responsibility for the future of Israeli society.

WHAT HAVE the education authorities done? As a result of their own policies, they have authorized the opening of "private schools" in which most of the children belong to "blue-blooded" families. What is even more difficult to accept, however, is that the budget for these schools, as for all other schools, comes from the ordinary tax-payer.

As a result of the legitimization of these "private" schools by the authorities, a growing number of affluent parents are sending their children to them, while the state religious schools are practically abandoned and attended mostly by "disadvantaged" pupils. This makes

a complete nonsense of the principle of integration and the price we shall all pay will be a heavy one.

THE National Religious Party, which is supposed to take care of religious education in Israel, should have opposed this policy. But narrow and immediate party considerations rather than educational and long-range national interests, guide its policy — a policy designed to curry favour with the narrow circle of parents who send their children to private schools. It appears also that officials in the Municipality and in the Education Ministry feel that they don't have to be more Catholic than the Pope, namely the NRP, and have done nothing to prevent this erosion.

So it is up to the parents of children in state religious schools, and the principals and the teachers in these schools, to do their best, despite the obstacles in their way, to promote genuine integration for the sake of our future generations.

What they ask is that once their children enter the "intermediate division," the ratio between the advantaged and the disadvantaged should be maintained as far as possible. In this way, all Israeli children get an appropriate education and grow up to be the sons of one united nation.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

THE RIGHT TO BAIL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As one who practised law in the United States, I find the decision denying Asher Yadin bail shocking.

The ostensible reason for the ruling is that, if released, Yadin would have access to persons whom he may influence in his favour.

When the State drew up the charges against Yadin, it must have had what, in its judgement, was evidence sufficient to warrant conviction. Presumably, this evidence included the statements of persons the State will call as witnesses. The fear that Yadin would try to influence these people is groundless, for Yadin must be given credit for knowing that no court would give credence to a witness who retracted or contradicted testimony he had offered during the investigatory stage. If the fear is that Yadin would influence people unknown to the investigating authorities, the answer

is twofold: one, if he influences them to tell the truth, that is his legal right; two, if it is legitimate to detain a person because of the fear that he will influence people to offer false testimony, the State could abolish the right to bail with impunity, for this possibility exists in every case.

The question I ask is: What feeling of inferiority gripped the State to imply that it could not outwit Yadin in the event of the conduct of his defence would show that he took advantage of his freedom while out on bail to build up a defence to which he is not entitled?

What disturbs me above all and what goes to the very heart of the right to bail is: Suppose Yadin eventually proves his innocence. How will he be compensated for the deprivation of his liberty and for being denied the society of his family and friends while awaiting trial?

ABRAHAM S. HYMAN
Jerusalem

STAMPS ON ARCHAEOLOGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — We refer to your story of December 21, about the new archaeological stamp series put out by the Philatelic Service, according to which the Yadin Committee was disappointed that the Philatelic Service had not consulted with the Antiquities Department in the preparation of the series. (The Yadin Committee includes representatives of the Israel Exploration Society, the Hebrew University Archaeology Institute, the Antiquities Department of the Education Ministry, the Tourism Ministry and the Municipality. (Ed. Jerusalem Post.)

Professor Binyamin Mazar, head of the excavations on the periphery of the Temple Mount, suggested the archaeological stamp series and also

told the Philatelic Service whom to consult in its preparation. The series was prepared under expert guidance and the comment of the above-mentioned committee is just as offensive to its colleagues as to the Philatelic Service.

The institution with which the Philatelic Service cooperated in the preparation of the stamps is called "The Hebrew University of Jerusalem — The Israel Exploration Society — Archaeological Excavations in Jerusalem" and a more expert institution would be hard to find. It is therefore difficult to figure out who is complaining about whom.

Z. MIZROTSKY
Spokesman,
Ministry of Communications
Jerusalem.

UNION IS STRENGTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Just a brief word of support to the appeal of "bewildered citizen" Judith Lelyveld (December 28) for unification of and cooperation among the various groupings which should merge into one strong centre bloc.

To this reader too, it is absolutely incomprehensible why such groupings as Yadin-Shinar's D.M.C., Shulamit Aloni's C.S.M. and Shmuel Tamir's F.C. do not combine resources right now. United they will stand — divided they may fall.

YA'ACOV YANNAV
Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

BETWEEN 1933 and 1945, more than 100 Jewish citizens of the little German town of Herne-Wanne-Eickel in the Ruhr fell victim to the Nazis.

A week before Rosh Hashana last year, on September 19, 1976, the town dedicated a memorial plaque at the entrance to its Sports Park. The main speaker at the ceremony was a 28-year-old Jerusalem physician, Dr. Julius Leiser. Once chairman of the local Jewish community, he had pressed the Town Council to commemorate its former citizens. Dr. Leiser's step-daughter, who now also lives in Jerusalem, was only 14 when she was taken to the gas-chambers. Hers is the only known case of a person managing to get out alive just before the actual gassing.

The inscription on the memorial plaque reads: "In memory of the Jewish congregation of Wanne-Eickel and of the Jewish citizens of this town who fell victim to Nazi tyranny in the years between 1933 and 1945."

J. L.

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BROTHER John Koczka has just finished reading "90 Minutes at Entebbe," that "dramatic account of the raw courage and astonishing spirit of sacrifice" of Israeli soldiers. He adds: "Long live the Nation of Israel and its unflinching resolve to exist against whatever the threat, in the community of free nations."

This newspaper received many such enthusiastic letters in the wake of the Entebbe rescue mission. What makes this particular letter different is that it comes from Kenya.

Brother John is the coordinator of a project called "R.O.P.E.", an acronym standing for "Reach out

to People Everywhere." Its aim is to give a Kenyan girl whose family is too poor to afford school fees "the chance to be educated through high school and to grow into a confident, enlightened and mature African woman."

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Keeping British MPs honest

By GREVILLE JANNER, MP

"THE OFFER of money, or other advantage, to a Member of Parliament for the promoting of any matter whatsoever depending or to be transacted in Parliament is a high crime and misdemeanour." This resolution of the House of Commons in May 1689, remains the basis of the required integrity of MPs.

Not long ago, an outspoken young Labour MP (since appointed a "Whip") alleged that a number of Members had surrendered their freedom of action to outside bodies in return for money. This allegation was referred to the MPs' own disciplinary body, the Committee of Privileges. They said: "Conduct such as Mr. Ashton alleged would itself amount to most grave contempt of the House. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that one of the most serious of Parliamentary offences is for Members to accept pecuniary or other reward in return for hindering the freedom of their Parliamentary activities. Whilst Members may accept reward for advising outside bodies, there must be no condition, express or implied, that in return for that reward they will act in any particular way which would remove their Parliamentary independence."

A couple of weeks ago, we were "lobbied" by policemen, seeking higher pay — probably in breach of the current pay code, restricting change. They pointed out the danger of an underpaid police force — of officers unable to pay their bills. The same argument could theoretically be applied to MPs.

In practice, I regard British Parliamentarians as among the most upright, energetic and devoted people I have ever known. In the main, they have anyway little or no power to bring contracts to those who need them. Not only would they not accept bribes but they are not worth bribing.

How do you find out if an interest is kept quiet? Suppose, for instance, that an MP is "consultant" to an Arab Government's British public relations outfit — how would anyone know?

A register is kept and Members are required to supply details of their extra-Parliamentary financial activities. Even overseas visits at the expense of foreign governments must be stated.

The extraordinary Enoch Powell has (alone) refused on principle to comply. The rest of us oblige, although, of course, if anyone should be playing parliamentary ducks and drakes, he will simply stay silent and no one will know.

Still, the register is designed to reassure the public that their MP are not using Parliament as a means to promote their own financial interests.

SOME TWO YEARS AGO, a newspaper attacked Tony Crichton (now Foreign Secretary) for accepting gifts in return for performing parliamentary duties. Had he not been given a piece of valuable silver in return for opening a school?

Tony rummaged through a cupboard and unearthed a silver coffee pot, value £25. What was he meant to have done with it — hand it back?

Since my return from a visit to Rumania, I have retained excellent relations with the Rumanian Embassy. Recently, a diplomat presented my family and myself with some local Rumanian produce — two bottles of wine and some delicious embroidery. The wine was duly consumed; the gift mentioned in the right quarters — in writing.

A friend at the Israel Embassy recently presented me with two paperback books for Hanukkah — one by Buber and Kishon. I decided that neither would be likely to cause undue influence upon my work as a Member.

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Labour hawks silent

SHA'ARIM (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) finds evidence of a marked trend in the Labour Party towards a consensus for withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, with the doves gaining strength and intensifying pressure while the hawks are showing little resistance, tending to join the dovish camp. This is the picture that has emerged from the discussions and declarations of Labour leaders over the past few days. While the doves, led by the external speaker of Mapam, openly and plainly call for territorial concessions in order to "buy" peace, the hawks have failed to come out with an effective response.

HA'ARETZ (Independent), referring to Matti Peled's reports of his meetings with PLO representatives in Paris and his claim that they agreed to accept the manifesto of the Israeli Council for Israel-Palestine peace as a basis for negotiations, comments: "Such agreement does not tally with the resolutions passed by the PLO executive committee only a fortnight ago in Damascus, calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state 'on the national soil of the Palestinian Arabs' — i.e. far beyond the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. While the representatives met by Matti Peled agreed to such a state of

limited area, the secretary of 'A-Salka' has said that 'liberation of a part of Palestinian territory could only be a truce for a certain period.'"

The paper sees in these contradictory affirmations evidence of unrest in the PLO, perhaps due to a realization that, despite their persistent terrorism, the population of Israel continues to live its life normally, and the Christians in Lebanon have not been defeated.

"Apparently several Arab states are pressuring the PLO to accept a smaller state linked formally with Jordan. The purpose of those who met Peled was probably to influence Israeli public opinion against Jordan, and against Sadat's intentions, and towards recognizing a body which was not elected by the inhabitants of the occupied territories."

DAVAR (Histadrut), and AL HANISHMAM (Mapam) refer to the lockout of Israel Radio news. Both papers agree that the dispute over the running of the news desk should be settled in negotiations between the management and the union. News-casts should be restored immediately, with the management ending the lockout and the workers ending their industrial sanctions.

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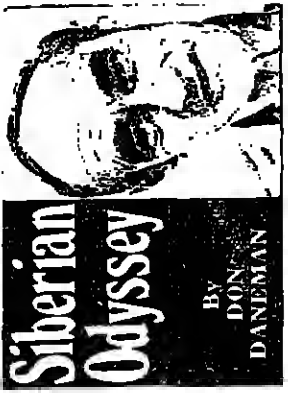
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ONE EVENING, when I was living on a very hungry — I was living on "punishment" rations for not helping to fulfill the work quota — I had a peculiar dream that left an indelible impression on me, and to a great extent, guided my behaviour ever since.

I dreamt that I was in a department store, walking from counter to counter. Suddenly I noticed that chocolate was being sold. I asked how much a bar cost and was told 600 dollars. I had 1,200 dollars on me, but thought 600 dollars a bar was exorbitant. I walked off a bar or two, but I wanted the chocolate so badly that I returned and bought two bars. I ate them and experienced a feeling of indescribable delight.

At that moment I awoke, with the taste of chocolate in my mouth. The feeling of delight lingered on. And suddenly I asked myself what the result would have been had I not spent the money to satisfy that whim. I would have missed the experience, missed the delight, and not had a penny anyway. At that point I decided that if I ever wanted anything very badly, I would go out of my way to get it without considering the cost.

WHEN EVENTUALLY I was allowed to receive a letter from my wife, it had 40 kopeks' worth of stamps enclosed. At one letter a year, that meant a ten-year supply around for a long time, until I managed to sell them to an officer who frequently wrote home.

He was at first very reluctant to carry out the transaction, but, probably feeling sorry for me, and knowing I would not talk about it, he did me that favour when I said that I wanted the money to buy bread.

That evening, I had two whole loaves — or three kilos — of black bread. I decided I would eat half a loaf every day to supplement my ration. I sat down and ate half a loaf, and still felt hungry. So I finished the loaf, hid the other loaf under my pillow, and lay down on my bunk.

I think I held out for a couple of hours. Then I thought: "If the bread going to eat me, or am I going to eat the bread? I got up and finished the whole loaf, and fell asleep happily. That, of course, is elementary distrophy, when no matter how much you eat you can never get enough, can never leave anything for later. I still had this problem a long time after I had left the camps.

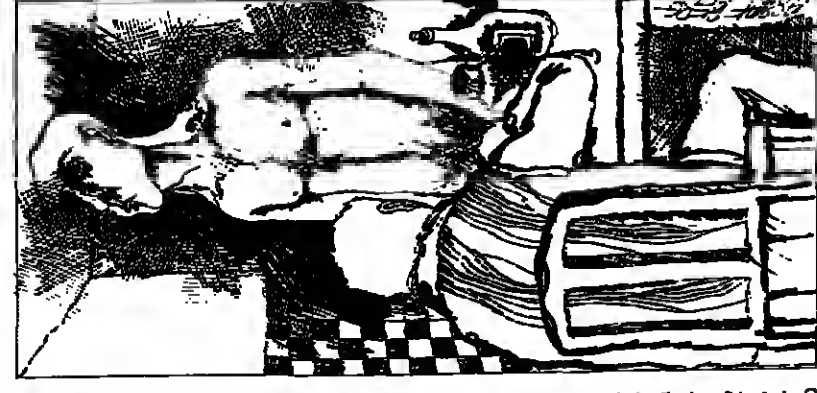
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House-plants

GARDENERS' CORNER
by WALTER FRANK

lot of good luck. The plants may last for several generations. I once saw a Philodendron-tree which a great-grandmother had received as a wedding gift and which was now pushing the ceiling of her living-room. You surely have heard about Bonsai, the Japanese miniature gardens in little bowls, containers, which sometimes live for more than 100 years. Carefully tended from generation to generation, we know of Hoya plants (Batesheva) thriving for decades in very small pots, and there are cultivated cacti (Mammillaria) which bear flowers for many seasons while most of the kind die away after the first flowering.

I myself planted a rubber tree (Ficus elastica) some 30 years ago from a small cutting with one tree — give it good light, plant in a pot, not too much water in indoor food, not too much water in indoor food, not too much water in indoor food.

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had no authority to countermand the order of the MGB doctor, but rights and law just didn't exist in this distant corner of the *Ingiz*, where the arbitrary decisions of a sadistic lieutenant were carried out.

I was off again to the timber-felling site. After three weeks of long marches and punishment rations, my entire body was covered in black spots and boils, the skin between my fingers was peeling off and I just couldn't take a step without crying out in pain. There were hundreds of cart-bunches on my head, my face, my entire body. I was thrown on a cart and seven guards escorted me to hospital.

THE DIAGNOSIS was alimentary dystrophy, scurvy and pellagra. The doctor who attended to me was a West Ukrainian called Makagonosky, and I shall remember him with gratitude as long as I live. First, he gave me a bath. Then he washed the usual medication. Then he ordered brought me a loaf of bread and a pot of soup. "From now on, you don't have much of a personality when you are a giant man standing naked before a woman in uniform. Perhaps it was the urgency in my voice, the desperation and sincerity. She asked me a few questions, looked over a bit closer, and wrote a note. She saved my life. I was attached to a team collecting fir-wood for the camp. This meant that the long march to work and back, the most exhausting part of the daily routine, was a thing of the past for me. At least for a year. I hoped that I would be able to recuperate some of my strength, especially since I would be working inside the living zones, with shorter hours, and I would sometimes be possible to do some extra work in the kitchen for some extra food.

BUT ABOUT two weeks later, at 6.30 a.m., half an hour before the work teams left for the timber-felling site, I was summoned by the camp commander. He was waiting with the prison doctor. When I appeared, he addressed me as follows: "Well, did the doctor treat you?"

"Yes, citizen commander, he did."

"And did he cure you?"

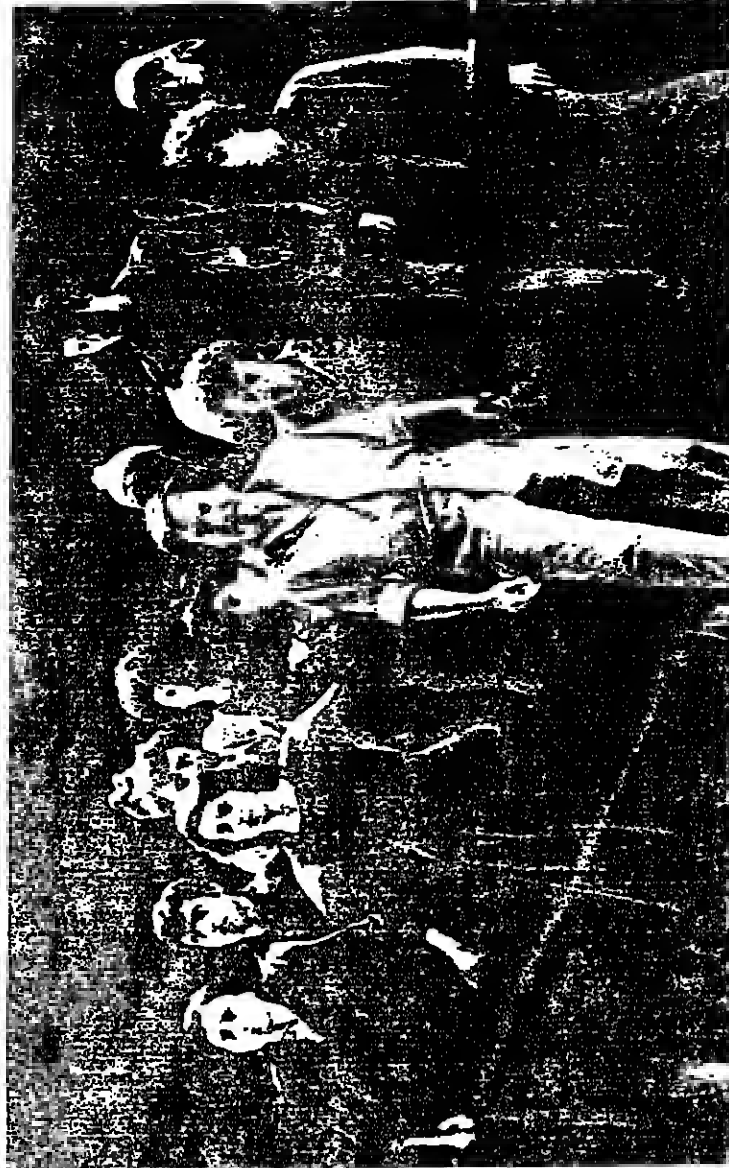
winter, alighting and plenty of water in summer — you have to know that you are raising a "prisoner," like a caged eagle. It's ancestors were proud, strong rubber trees in the jungles of Malaya and Indonesia, growing to a height of over 20 metres. With all our care and knowledge, we can never provide these so-called house plants with the optimal living conditions of their land and origin. This is why they last and grow so well in the professional nurseries only and so often get sick and die indoors.

All our indoor plants ones grew wild. Explorers, plant-collectors and sometimes plant-druggers brought them from tropical and subtropical regions, and cultivated them in the jungles of Africa, Asia, and the New World to the house plants cultivated from wild botanical specimens in our own nurseries.

Our house plants will grow well if we plant and cultivated them. Most of our cactus plants have their origin in the valleys of Mexico — give it good light, plant in a pot, not too much water in indoor food, not too much water in indoor food, not too much water in indoor food.

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TRADITIONALLY, musical comedy is nothing to argue about. It is seen to be enjoyed. Yet "Krizza," Nola Chelton's new show now running on the stage of Haifa Municipal Theatre, is no musical comedy. It is a play about the underprivileged in Israel's Sephardi community, and it has drawn some angry reactions. Director NOLA CHELTON here speaks to SOPHIE KAHN about the highly controversial production.

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East Germany's factory-made athletes

East Germany's women swimmers attracted special attention at the Montreal Olympics.



Das! German child goes through this sports attitudinal routine. It is the retarding, that is, the late bloomer, that is rejected for intense, training on sport earlier only to make later in another.

It begins in kindergarten. In such sports as gymnastics, swimming, before that in kindergarten, there is a hour of sports a week. Fourth and fifth grade children have three hours of swimming a week. It is two hours a

but 60 per cent of the children in many schools take training at school. In factory sports centres and in clubs.

The very good are put into special sports schools scattered around East Germany's provinces. There are three more in Berlin. Enrollment in the school was 600 last year.

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is by invitation only. Schoolwork is arranged around the train schedule, which runs from four to 14 hours a week.

Indoors, there are three main captive audiences: lecture halls, classrooms, and laboratories. Sports is no exception, and laboritories, a library, audio and sports success can lead to the physical aid rooms, facilities for good life, and the young people

There are also eight major dedicated and hungry for it to a sports hall, including one as big as the rarely encountered among a field for soccer, a facility athletes in the West. "Much better," he said. "Parents play a decline role used for the teaching of that sport."

The American-developed "maker." We use it a lot," described it as a system of maintenance alone is put at a million marks (\$20,000). School officials said the cost to train one student was \$20,000.

individual swimmers can show a thing at the pace a trainer says they should be moving. Leipzig University has a 30-year track record.

Perhaps the greatest swimming success ever before has any state made such an investment in through sports, will have the pursuit of international sports better than they.

success. Officially make clear that a grant sports carnival called

winning is enhanced by the silver and in 25, bronze. For a state with only 17 million people and a climate that is fog and cold, this was phenomenal.

But Horst Hosenpfort, who heads

has an adjacent 100-metre pool and diving pit is the state that carries the burden of the cost for an athletic programme that receives from children into an annual athletic elimination. Last year, the forever. For me, Montreal was

The intensity with which this year's summer vacation was something of a minor miracle. The program is pursued can only 60,000, and another 80,000 will take place in this week-long sports jam. In Montreal, the East German finished just behind the much larger Soviet Union and ahead of the U.S. in the race for best Olympic performance.

Orthodox rabbis who have been involved in "white" sports are gaining a foothold in the Jewish community.

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to Israel as immigrants. Ben Balwin, 28, of Halla, began teaching karate at the age of 13 in Los Angeles. Within a few years, he was practicing in martial arts schools.

and to give all Jarnell karate students a chance to participate, regardless of which organization they belong to or how long they have been in the sport. "I want to see the Jarnell karate team grow," he said.

The team's unofficial coach, neudean aceballer is from sov Georgia, but he learned karate since coming to israel about three years ago.

Tomo Hasegawa, a Japanese teacher for the Jikkai karate club who holds the highest ranking of a member of the I.K.F.J. During

the country to popular belief, Hagiwara is not as important as Judo, and concentration is the main consideration. Anyone who wants to learn the sport if they have the time and money should be able to find a suitable instructor. Anyone that the master gave him official rank, and he was not a member of the association, was not considered a true martial artist. Hagiwara was so impressed Ogura with the quality of his karate technique that the master gave him official rank, and he was not a member of the association, was not considered a true martial artist.

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kind of control shown by the Jews, takes many years and few people have the energy to follow this path."

Leiberman said that among the more serious practitioners of the karewa and Jewish law, "he said definitely no conflict between karewa and Jewish law," he said.

He said that he was sometimes difficult to follow without a full understanding of the law.

berman said that it must be apart in Israel are included a "and I have known a number of the various techniques." □

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